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I've been reading threw articles and part of the settlement and this does not serve the public interest. This settlement leave large legal loop holes and does not represent the public interest.

All the money they have made illegally. They get to keep. They need to loose a large chunk of that money. No discussion, no argument.

Their standards for interacting with Word.....etc will be opened for free to their competitors. With all new standards that they will come up with in the future. Microsoft will not try to raise copyright issues when third parties use this info.

The bundling issue. Microsoft is not allowed to bundle software any more.

.NET has to be part of the settlement. Microsoft can not force any one to use. Even on their own web sites.

I can go on and on. Their are so many problems with this deal.

I suggest that the people they have hurt and the Open Source community be allowed to look at the settlement and make sure that it is fair and that the loop holes and closed. Also to guarantee that everyone can work together with the deal.